THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan met a similar situation in that it was scheduled to commence from 1990-91, but was actually implemented from 1992-93.

(b) The budget deficit of the Central Government at the begining of Eighth Five Year Plan, i.e. 1991-92 was 1.1 per cent of GDP.

(c) and (d) In a newspaper item entitled "India must reset its economic priorities: Sen" published in "The Hindu" dated the 11th December, 1998, it has been reported that Prof. Amartya Sen has suggested that India must reset its economic priorities to make them "people oriented rather than commodity related". Suggestions made by individuals and associations are kept in view while formulating appropriate policies by the Government. However, growth with social justice and alleviation of poverty has been and continues to be the basic objective of Indian economic policy and planning. The Ninth Plan document articulates the Government's overall development Strategy.

**आई॰एस॰आई॰ की भारत विरोधी गतिविधियां**

*136. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
**श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:**

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पाकिस्तानी खुफिया एजेन्सी आई॰एस॰आई॰ ने भारत विरोधी गतिविधियों के सफलतापूर्वक कार्यान्वयन हेतु नेपाल को अपना केन्द्र बनाया है, जैसा कि दिनांक 8 जनवरी, 1999 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में समाचार प्रकाशित हुआ है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने नेपाल सरकार से अपने देश में भारत विरोधी गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए प्रभावी कार्रवाई करने हेतु कोई बातचीत की है और;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

**विदेश मंत्री (श्री जसवन्त सिंह):** (क) सरकार ने भारत के हित के प्रतिकूल प्रतिविधियों के लिए नेपाली क्षेत्र का आई एस॰ आई द्वारा दुरुपयोग करने के बारे में खबरें देखी हैं।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार इस मसले पर नेपाल की शाही सरकार के साथ बातचीत कर रही है। दोनों देशों के बीच खुली सीमा के दुरुपयोग को रोकने के लिए भारत और नेपाल के बीच सीमा प्रबंधन से सम्बद्ध संयुक्त कार्यदल तथा गृह सचिव स्तर पर नियमित बातचीत जैसे उपयुक्त तंत्र भी स्थापित किए गए हैं। नेपाल की सरकार ने अपनी ओर से यह आश्वासन दिया है कि भारत के हित के प्रतिकूल गतिविधियों के लिए उनके क्षेत्र का दुरुपयोग नहीं किया जाएगा। दोनों देश इस क्षेत्र में सहयोग कर रहे हैं।

**Exploration of Natural Gas in Tripura**

*137. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to paucity of natural gas availability, large sized gas based industrial projects cannot come up in Tripura;

(b) whether Government intend to intensify exploration work; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) Tripura has gas production potential of 2.02 Million Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) from established projects. Of this, allocation of 1.8 MMSCMD has been made to various consumers. Against this allocation, contracted quantity is 1.2 MMSCMD, and off-take varies from 0.8 to 0.95 MMSCMD only.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. ONGC has programmed to acquire 1010 Ground Line Kilometers (GLK) of '2D' seismic data and to drill 22 exploratory wells during IX Plan in Tripura Sector of Assam-Arakan Fold Belt. Moreover, a blcok AA-ON3, covering an area of 2988

sq. km., comprising parts of Central and Eastern Tripura has been awarded to M/s Okland International LDC of USA for exploration.

**Utilisation of water in Himachal Pradesh**

*138. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to utilise water in Himachal Pradesh for irrigation, generation of electricity, drinking water problems, mineral water production for use in India as well as for export purposes; and

(b) what are the details of such utilisation;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Since water is a State subject, schemes concerning utilization of water in Himachal Pradesh for irrigation, genertion of electricity, drinking water supply and mineral water production for use in India as well as for export purposes are planned, designed and executed/implemented by the State Government.

Central Government, however has released Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 9 crores to the State Government for Shah Nahar Irrigation Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme Command Area Development Programme has been initiated in the State since 1983-84 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of ensuring efficient utilization of created irrigation potential.

Central assistance is also provided to the State of Himachal Pradesh under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme by Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment.

Baira Siul (180 MW) and Chamera Stage I (540 MW) hydro-electric projects were constructed under Central sector. Bhakra complex and Dehar Hydro-electric Project though lie in H.P. are under the control of Bhakra Beas Management Board. The Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric project (1500 MW) is under construction in the State under Central sector.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that mineral water production is being done in Himachal Pradesh by six units but none of them is exporting mineral water.

(b) Details of water utilization are as follows:

1. *Utilization for Irrigation*

Irrigation pontential created and utilized in the State of Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) through major, medium and minor irrigation schemes till end of the Eighth Five Year Plan were as follows:

| | Major & Medium | Minor | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Irrigation potential created (thousand hectares) | 10.55 | 150.38 | 160.93 |
| Irrigation potential utilized (thousand hectares) | 5.59 | 128.42 | 134.01 |

2. *Utilization for Generation of Electricity*

Following hydro-electric Projects have been completed in the State

A. State Sector

| Name of Scheme | Installed Capacity (MW) | Share of H.P. (MW) |
|---|---|---|
| Giri Bata | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Bassi | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Sanjay Vidyut Pariyojana | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Andhra | 16.95 | 16.95 |